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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 March 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10 and 13-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 May 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-16 are presented for examination.
2. Claims 9, 11, 12 and 16 are cancelled.
3. Claims 1-8, 10, 13-15 are amended.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-8, 10, and 13-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Specification

5. The amendments to the specification and abstract are acknowledged and entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

6. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101 has been withdrawn based on Applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The rejection 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, has been withdrawn based on Applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. **Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakano et al. (hereinafter Nakano), U.S. Publication No. 2003/0081792, as cited by applicant in IDS, in view of Takashima et al., (hereinafter Takashima), U.S. Publication No. 2006/0227973.**

10. **As per claim 1**, Nakano discloses a content reproduction apparatus which reproduces a digital content [fig. 1, paragraph 0002, 0005, digital work system 10, for performing reproduction of content], the content reproducing apparatus comprising

A secret information storage unit [fig. 1, key information storage unit 301] operable to store a device key corresponding to the content reproduction apparatus, and the device key being stored in the secret information storage unit such that the device key cannot be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 1, 8, 10, paragraphs 0009, 0026, 0191, 0195, 0227, key information storage unit 301 for storing device key information, the device key may only be accessed by a user if purchased with a user apparatus];

A cryptographic processing unit operable to decrypt an encrypted digital content, corresponding to the digital content, the encrypted digital content being encrypted using

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the device key stored in the secret information storage unit [fig. 8, 10, paragraphs 0206-0211, encryption unit 304 receives media key information and reads content from the content storage unit, next the encryption unit 304, encrypts the read content with the use of the received media key];

An index information storage unit [fig. 8, key information storage unit 301] operable to store index information, the index information indicating the device key stored in the secret information storage unit such that the index information can be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 8, paragraphs 0193-0198, based on the ID information stored by the recording apparatus, the position of the encrypted media key and the device key that is to be used may be determined];

An index information output unit operable to output, the index information [fig. 2, paragraph 0179, key information generation unit 107 outputs the generated encrypted media key].

Nakano discloses a device key assignment unit 103 for outputting device keys and ID information to each user apparatus [paragraphs 0051, 0127], but he does not explicitly disclose:

A video output unit operable to connect to a display apparatus that is distinct from the content reproduction apparatus;

An instruction receiving unit operable to receive, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from the index information storage unit;

A video processing unit operable to convert the index information stored in the index information storage unit into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the display apparatus.

However Takashima discloses converting data recorded on a recording medium and display it on a receiver device [fig. 25, paragraph 0295], and

A video output unit operable to connect to a display apparatus that is distinct from the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 26, paragraph 0427, the reproduced content is transmitted from the information recording medium loaded on the recording and reproducing apparatus 711 to such a content reproducing device 714 having output means like a display monitor as a TV or a PC];

An instruction receiving unit operable to receive, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from the index information storage unit [paragraphs 0105, 0437, 0457, the information processing apparatus selects content subject to reproduction from content stored in an information recording medium, this processing is executed on the basis of the user input through an input means connected to the information processing apparatus];

A video processing unit operable to convert the index information stored in the index information storage unit into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the display apparatus [fig. 5, 7, 24, paragraphs 0024, 0025, 0105, the title information and the index information are presentable to the user, the index is a content title that is presented onto a display, this index is recognizable by the user];

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

11. **As per claim 2**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1,

Wherein the index information stored in the index information storage unit is encrypted according to a predetermined cryptographic method [fig. 2, paragraph 0009, 0026, 0176, 0178, key information generation unit 107 generates an encrypted media key];

Wherein the index information output unit includes:

A decryption unit operable to decrypt, based on the instruction, the encrypted index information stored in the index information storage unit according to the predetermined cryptographic method [paragraphs 0026, 0179, a decryption unit operable to generate a media key from an encrypted media key];

An output unit operable to output the index information decrypted by the decryption unit [fig. 8, paragraph 0204, decryption unit 302 outputs the generated decrypted media key].

However Takashima discloses a display apparatus [fig. 26, paragraph 0427, the reproduced content is transmitted from the information recording medium loaded on the recording and reproducing apparatus 711 to such a content reproducing device 714 having output means like a display monitor as a TV or a PC].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

12. **As per claim 3**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1,

Wherein the index information stored in the index information storage unit is encrypted according to a predetermined cryptographic method [fig. 2, paragraph 0009, 0026, 0176, 0178, key information generation unit 107 generates an encrypted media key];

Wherein the index information output unit outputs, based on the instruction, the encrypted index information stored in the index information storage unit [fig. 2, paragraph 0179, key information generation unit 107 outputs the generated encrypted media key].

Nakano discloses a device key assignment unit 103 for outputting device keys and ID information to each user apparatus [paragraphs 0051, 0127], but he does not explicitly disclose a display apparatus.

However Takashima discloses a display apparatus [fig. 26, paragraph 0427, the reproduced content is transmitted from the information recording medium loaded on the recording and reproducing apparatus 711 to such a content reproducing device 714 having output means like a display monitor as a TV or a PC].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

13. **As per claim 4**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1, but he does not explicitly disclose:

An authentication data storage unit operable to store authentication data that is obtained by performing a predetermined conversion on the index information.

However Takashima discloses:

An authentication data storage unit operable to hold authentication data that is obtained by performing a predetermined conversion on the index information [fig. 34,

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paragraphs 0049, 0050, 0302, 0497, 0498, an authentication processing section for executing authentication processing].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including an authentication mechanism as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, preventing any unauthorized duplication of content [Takashima, paragraphs 0003, 0008-0013].

14. **As per claim 5**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1,

Wherein the index information output unit outputs the index information stored in the index information storage unit [fig. 2, paragraph 0179, key information generation unit 107 outputs the generated encrypted media key].

Nakano discloses a device key assignment unit 103 for outputting device keys and ID information to each user apparatus [paragraphs 0051, 0127], but he does not explicitly disclose a display apparatus.

However Takashima discloses a display apparatus [fig. 26, paragraph 0427, the reproduced content is transmitted from the information recording medium loaded on the recording and reproducing apparatus 711 to such a content reproducing device 714 having output means like a display monitor as a TV or a PC].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

15. **As per claim 6**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 5,

Wherein on the recording medium, a unique identification number is recorded [paragraph 0009, organization assigns recording apparatus with a device key identification number];

Wherein the instruction receiving unit reads the program and the identification number from the removable recording medium on which the program is recorded [paragraphs 0009, 0025, 0099, 0595, recording medium is loaded and the apparatus extracts encrypted media key corresponding to the key identification number, and the key management program recorded to assist the key management apparatus achieve its function];

Wherein the index information output unit outputs, the index information stored in the index information storage unit, the index information being output by executing the read program only when the identification number satisfies a predetermined condition

[paragraph 0009, apparatus will extract the encrypted media key corresponding to the identification number assigned to the apparatus].

Nakano discloses a device key assignment unit 103 for outputting device keys and ID information to each user apparatus [paragraphs 0051, 0127], but he does not explicitly disclose a display apparatus.

However Takashima discloses a display apparatus [fig. 26, paragraph 0427, the reproduced content is transmitted from the information recording medium loaded on the recording and reproducing apparatus 711 to such a content reproducing device 714 having output means like a display monitor as a TV or a PC].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

16. **As per claim 7**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1, but he does not explicitly disclose:

Wherein the instruction receiving unit is operable to receive the instruction from a communication terminal via a computer network;

However Takashima discloses:

Wherein the instruction receiving unit is operable to receive the instruction from a communication terminal via a computer network [paragraphs 0105, 0437, 0457, the information processing apparatus selects content subject to reproduction from content stored in an information recording medium, this processing is executed on the basis of the user input through an input means connected to the information processing apparatus].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

17. **As per claim 8**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1, but he does not explicitly disclose:

Wherein the instruction receiving unit is operable to receive the instruction from a debug apparatus connected to the content reproduction apparatus.

However Nakano discloses a need for a system that will efficiently determine key assignment for the user apparatus for the content reproduction [paragraphs 0024, 0025, 0026].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to assume that efficiency may include utilizing a debug terminal to avoid any errors; hence an ordinary skilled artisan would find using a debug terminal obvious.

18. **As per claim 10**, Nakano discloses the content reproduction apparatus according to Claim 1,

Wherein the index information stored in the index information storage unit is encrypted according to a predetermined cryptographic method [paragraph 0009, 0026, 0176, 0178, apparatus encrypts media keys using device keys to generate encrypted media keys];

Nakano does not explicitly disclose wherein the display apparatus displays the encrypted index information.

However Takashima discloses:

Wherein the display apparatus displays the encrypted index information [fig. 5, 7, 24, paragraphs 0024, 0025, 0105, 0152, the title information and the index information are presentable to the user, the index is a content title that is presented onto a display, this index is recognizable by the user].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced

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capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

19. **As per claim 13**, Nakano discloses a content reproduction system which reproduces a digital content [fig. 1, paragraph 0002, 0005, digital work system 10, for performing reproduction of content], the content reproducing system comprising

A content reproduction apparatus which reproduces the digital content [fig. 1, paragraph 0002, 0005, digital work system 10, for performing reproduction of content];

A secret information storage unit [fig. 1, key information storage unit 301] operable to store a device key corresponding to the content reproduction apparatus, and the device key being stored in the secret information storage unit such that the device key cannot be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 1, 8, 10, paragraphs 0009, 0026, 0191, 0195, 0227, key information storage unit 301 for storing device key information, the device key may only be accessed by a user if purchased with a user apparatus];

A cryptographic processing unit operable to decrypt an encrypted digital content, corresponding to the digital content, the encrypted digital content being encrypted using the device key stored in the secret information storage unit [fig. 8, 10, paragraphs 0206-0211, encryption unit 304 receives media key information and reads content from the content storage unit, next the encryption unit 304, encrypts the read content with the use of the received media key];

An index information storage unit [fig. 8, key information storage unit 301] operable to store index information, the index information indicating the device key stored in the secret information storage unit such that the index information can be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 8, paragraphs 0193-0198, based on the ID information stored by the recording apparatus, the position of the encrypted media key and the device key that is to be used may be determined];

An index information output unit operable to output, the index information [fig. 2, paragraph 0179, key information generation unit 107 outputs the generated encrypted media key].

Nakano discloses a device key assignment unit 103 for outputting device keys and ID information to each user apparatus [paragraphs 0051, 0127], but he does not explicitly disclose:

A video output unit operable to connect to a display apparatus that is distinct from the content reproduction apparatus;

An instruction receiving unit operable to receive, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from the index information storage unit;

A video processing unit operable to convert the index information stored in the index information storage unit into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the display apparatus;

A user authentication server which performs user authentication; wherein the user authentication server includes:

A user identification information transmission unit operable to transmit user identification information to the user authentication server;

A user authentication unit operable to perform user authentication based on the user identification information received from the content reproduction apparatus;

An instruction transmission unit operable to transmit the instruction to the content reproduction apparatus, based on a result of the authentication performed by the user authentication unit.

However Takashima discloses converting data recorded on a recording medium and display it on a receiver device [fig. 25, paragraph 0295], and

A video output unit operable to connect to a display apparatus that is distinct from the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 26, paragraph 0427, the reproduced content is transmitted from the information recording medium loaded on the recording and reproducing apparatus 711 to such a content reproducing device 714 having output means like a display monitor as a TV or a PC];

An instruction receiving unit operable to receive, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from the index information storage unit [paragraphs 0105, 0437, 0457, the information processing apparatus selects content subject to reproduction from content stored in an information recording medium, this processing is executed on the basis of the user input through an input means connected to the information processing apparatus];

A video processing unit operable to convert the index information stored in the index information storage unit into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the

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display apparatus [fig. 5, 7, 24, paragraphs 0024, 0025, 0105, the title information and the index information are presentable to the user, the index is a content title that is presented onto a display, this index is recognizable by the user];

A user authentication server [fig. 34, server 850] which performs user authentication; wherein the user authentication server includes:

A user identification information transmission unit operable to transmit user identification information to the user authentication server [fig. 34, paragraphs 0497, authentication processing section 841 executes the authentication processing];

A user authentication unit operable to perform user authentication based on the user identification information received from the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 34, paragraphs 0497, authentication processing section 841 executes the authentication processing by use of a shared key with the server 850];

An instruction transmission unit operable to transmit the instruction to the content reproduction apparatus, based on a result of the authentication performed by the user authentication unit [paragraph 0498, receiving at a data processing section 854 confirmation that the reproduction apparatus 840 is a legal device having a legal device key].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content

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reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

20. **As per claim 14**, Nakano discloses a method for controlling a content reproduction apparatus [fig. 1, paragraph 0002, 0005, 0025, digital work system 10, for performing reproduction of content], the content reproduction apparatus storing a device key that corresponds to the content reproduction apparatus, the device key being stored in the content reproduction apparatus such that the device key cannot be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 1, 8, 10, paragraphs 0009, 0026, 0191, 0195, 0227, key information storage unit 301 for storing device key information, the device key may only be accessed by a user if purchased with a user apparatus], the content reproduction apparatus decrypting an encrypted digital content using the stored device key to reproduce a digital content, the content reproduction apparatus storing index information that indicates the stored device key [fig. 8, 10, paragraphs 0206-0211, encryption unit 304 receives media key information and reads content from the content storage unit, next the encryption unit 304, encrypts the read content with the use of the received media key], and the index information being stored in the content reproduction apparatus such that the index information can be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 8, paragraphs 0193-0198, based on the ID information stored by the recording apparatus, the position of the encrypted media key and the device key that is to be used may be determined], the method comprising:

Outputting the converted index information [fig. 2, paragraph 0179, key information generation unit 107 outputs the generated encrypted media key].

Nakano discloses a device key assignment unit 103 for outputting device keys and ID information to each user apparatus [paragraphs 0051, 0127], but he does not explicitly disclose a display apparatus:

Receiving, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from an index information storage unit of the content reproduction apparatus;

Converting the stored index information into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the display apparatus, the stored index information being converted based on the received instruction.

However Takashima discloses converting data recorded on a recording medium and display it on a receiver device [fig. 25, 26, paragraph 0295, 0427], and

Receiving, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from an index information storage unit of the content reproduction apparatus [paragraphs 0105, 0437, 0457, the information processing apparatus selects content subject to reproduction from content stored in an information recording medium, this processing is executed on the basis of the user input through an input means connected to the information processing apparatus];

Converting the stored index information into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the display apparatus, the stored index information being converted based on the received instruction [fig. 5, 7, 24, paragraphs 0024, 0025, 0105, the title information

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and the index information are presentable to the user, the index is a content title that is presented onto a display, this index is recognizable by the user].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

21. **As per claim 15**, Nakano discloses a computer-readable recording medium having a program recorded thereon, the program being used in a content reproduction apparatus [fig. 1, paragraph 0002, 0005, 0025, digital work system 10, for performing reproduction of content], the content reproduction apparatus storing a device key that corresponds to the content reproduction apparatus, the device key being stored in the content reproduction apparatus such that the device key cannot be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 1, 8, 10, paragraphs 0009, 0026, 0191, 0195, 0227, key information storage unit 301 for storing device key information, the device key may only be accessed by a user if purchased with a user apparatus], the content reproduction apparatus decrypting an encrypted digital content using the stored device key to reproduce a digital content, the content reproduction apparatus storing index information that indicates the stored device key [fig. 8, 10, paragraphs 0206-0211,

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encryption unit 304 receives media key information and reads content from the content storage unit, next the encryption unit 304, encrypts the read content with the use of the received media key], and the index information being stored in the content reproduction apparatus such that the index information can be accessed from outside of the content reproduction apparatus [fig. 8, paragraphs 0193-0198, based on the ID information stored by the recording apparatus, the position of the encrypted media key and the device key that is to be used may be determined], and the program causing the content reproduction apparatus to execute a method comprising

Outputting the converted index information [fig. 2, paragraph 0179, key information generation unit 107 outputs the generated encrypted media key].

Nakano discloses a device key assignment unit 103 for outputting device keys and ID information to each user apparatus [paragraphs 0051, 0127], but he does not explicitly disclose a display apparatus:

Receiving, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from an index information storage unit of the content reproduction apparatus;

Converting the stored index information into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the display apparatus, the stored index information being converted based on the received instruction; and

However Takashima discloses converting data recorded on a recording medium and display it on a receiver device [fig. 25, 26, paragraph 0295, 0427], and

Receiving, from outside of the content reproduction apparatus, an instruction for outputting the index information from an index information storage unit of the content reproduction apparatus [paragraphs 0105, 0437, 0457, the information processing apparatus selects content subject to reproduction from content stored in an information recording medium, this processing is executed on the basis of the user input through an input means connected to the information processing apparatus];

Converting the stored index information into a data format that is displayable on a screen of the display apparatus, the stored index information being converted based on the received instruction [fig. 5, 7, 24, paragraphs 0024, 0025, 0105, the title information and the index information are presentable to the user, the index is a content title that is presented onto a display, this index is recognizable by the user].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to improve upon the apparatus described in Nakano by including means for displaying information based on instructions from a user as disclosed by Takashima because it would provide the Nakano's apparatus with the enhanced capability of securely distributing, to particular users, information necessary for content reproduction, providing user convenience and amenity on communication between devices inside a network [Takashima, paragraphs 0008-0013].

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JACKIE ZUNIGA whose telephone number is (571)270-7194. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Avellino can be reached on (571)272-3905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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